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Status	
☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on	
☐ This action is FINAL.	
 Since this application is in condition for allowance except to accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935. 	or formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in a C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.
Disposition of Claims	
χ Claim(s) $1-22$	■ are pending in the application.
Of the above claim(s)	is/are withdrawn from consideration.
χ Claim(s) $10-22$	———— item allowed.
(Claim(s) 1, 4, 5 and 9	
Of the above claim(s) $10 - 22$ Claim(s) $1, 4, 5$ and 9 Claim(s) $2, 3$ and $6-8$	invare objected to.
☐ Claim(s)	are subject to restriction or election
Application Papers	requirement
☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on	
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Pri rity under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)	
☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority ur	der 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Mauer et al. Mauer et al disclose a process for pasteurizing meat products, the process comprises the step of heating the meat products to a temperature in the range of between 195°F to 200°F to substantially eliminate any bacterial contamination within the meat products without adversely affecting their appearance and quality.

Claims 2, 3 and 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

Claims 10-22 are allowed.

The Wagner et al patent is cited to show an infrared tunnel oven for cooking of food products by infrared radiant energy.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Yeung whose telephone number is (703) 308-



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3848. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on (703) 308-3959. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

G. C. Yeung/mn March 22, 2003

GEORGE C. YEUNG PRIMARY EXAMINER